GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COMMUNICATION NETWORK IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme has been formulated to provide communication network in the tribal areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Communications has formulated Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) as a partof the 9th Five Year Plan for providing telecom facilities in the tribal areas. For allround and faster development of telecom facilities in tribal areas, the Ministry is treating these areas as Special Focus Areas.

The main objectives of the tribal Sub Plan are:-

(i) To provide the telephone facility practically on demand in tribal areas by the end of 9th Five Year Plan.

(ii) To provide National subscriber Dialing (NSD) facility to all exchanges in tribal areas by the end of 9th plan.

(iii) To provide public telephone in all tribal villages by the end of 9th Plan.